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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

8 RONALD SMITH ,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONS, et al.,

12 Defendant.

CASE NO. 19-1487 RAJ

**ORDER GRANTING THIRD
EXTENSION TO SUBMIT STATUS
REPORT**

13 On March 4, 2020 the Court granted the parties' motion to extend the time to submit a
14 status report to March 18, 2020. On March 17, 2020, the parties submitted a report indicating
15 they have not made progress towards determining whether settlement can be reached because
16 they have not engaged in formal discovery. The parties accordingly request a 90 day extension to
17 submit a status report. Although this case has languished, the Court GRANTS the parties'
18 request, Dkt. 16, and ORDERS:

19 1. The parties shall submit a joint status report regarding whether the case has settled
20 and if not a proposed date the matter will be ready for a jury trial, and the estimated length of the
21 trial. **The joint report shall be filed no later than June 17, 2020.**

22 2. Counsel are reminded the case should move forward rather than remain frozen in
23 time. The parties should therefore use the next three months to take the necessary actions needed

1 to determine whether the case may be settled or whether it should go forward for trial. The Court
2 is mindful of the impact COVID19 has had on everyone. However, if the case has not settled by
3 June 17, 2020, the Court sees no reason why a pretrial schedule should not be ordered.

4 DATED this 18th day of March, 2020.

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BRIAN A. TSUCHIDA
Chief United States Magistrate Judge